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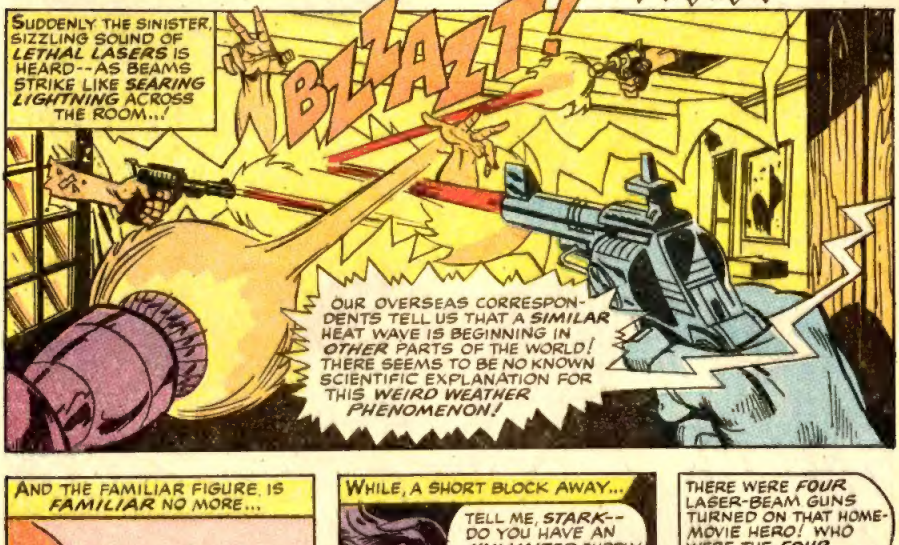
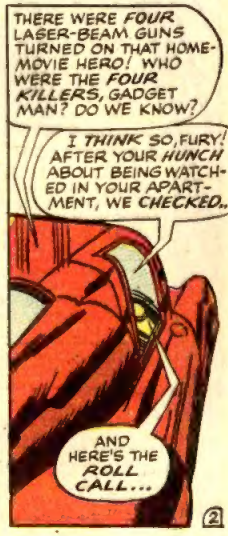
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A QUIET, BACKWATER STREET OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL, A FAMILIAR FIGURE SITS, INTENTLY STUDYING PAPERS VITAL TO AMERICA'S DEFENSE...
...AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO LET-UP IN SIGHT FOR THE NATION FROM THIS VERY UNSEASONABLE HOT SPELL! FALL IS UPON US, AND WINTER NOT FAR AHEAD...
...BUT, SINCE A WEEK AGO THURSDAY WHEN THE FIRST UNUSUAL HEAT WAVE SWEPT ACROSS THE EAST COAST AND FANNED OUT TO ALL CORNERS OF THE CONTINENT, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNS OF A RETURN TO NORMAL...!


SUDDENLY THE SINISTER, SIZZLING SOUND OF LETHAL LASERS IS HEARD--AS BEAMS STRIKE LIKE SEARING LIGHTNING ACROSS THE ROOM...!
BZZZAZZT!
OUR OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENTS TELL US THAT A SIMILAR HEAT WAVE IS BEGINNING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD! THERE SEEMS TO BE NO KNOWN SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION FOR THIS WEIRD WEATHER PHENOMENON!

AND THE FAMILIAR FIGURE IS FAMILIAR NO MORE...

WHILE, A SHORT BLOCK AWAY...
TELL ME, STARK--DO YOU HAVE AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF LIFE MODEL DECOYS?
THAT WASN'T AN LMD, COLONEL--IT WAS A REAL IMAGE OF YOU, PROJECTED ONTO A FORCE FIELD INTO THE ROOM OF THE STUDY IN YOUR APARTMENT!


THERE WERE FOUR LASER-BEAM GUNS TURNED ON THAT HOME-MOVIE HERO! WHO WERE THE FOUR KILLERS, GADGET MAN? DO WE KNOW?
I THINK SO, FURY! AFTER YOUR HUNCH ABOUT BEING WATCHED IN YOUR APARTMENT, WE CHECKED...
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IMPOSSIBLE, COLONEL! YOU ISSUED THE ORDERS NOT TO TOUCH THEM, SO THAT THEY WOULD BE FREE TO REPORT BACK TO WHOEVER SENT THEM THAT YOU WERE DEAD!

YEAH! I WONDER WHO THE BOSS-MAN IS? WHO, OR WHAT GROUP, IS BIG ENOUGH AND STRONG ENOUGH TO COMMAND SUCH A VARIETY OF TOP CRIMINALS ALL OVER THE WORLD!

THINGS ARE MOVING... UNDERGROUND, EVIL THINGS...

I FEEL IT LIKE I'D FEEL A GUN AT MY BACK! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS...

...BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

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...AND A RASH OF SUDDEN RIOTS HAS BROKEN OUT IN KEY CITIES ALL OVER... MANY ASTUTE JOURNALISTS FEEL THAT THIS OUTBREAK OF RIOTING AND VIOLENCE THAT HAS JUST BEGUN IS DUE TO THE UN-SEASONABLE WEATHER! WE THOUGHT RIOTING WAS OVER WITH THE SUMMER, BUT NOW SUMMER HAS COME AGAIN, EVEN BEFORE FALL AND WINTER COULD RELIEVE THE WORLD OF IT'S COVER OF HEAT--!

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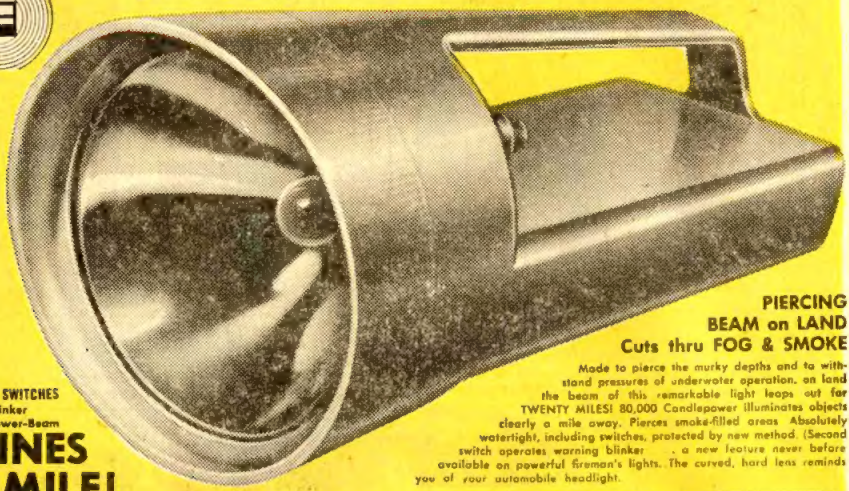

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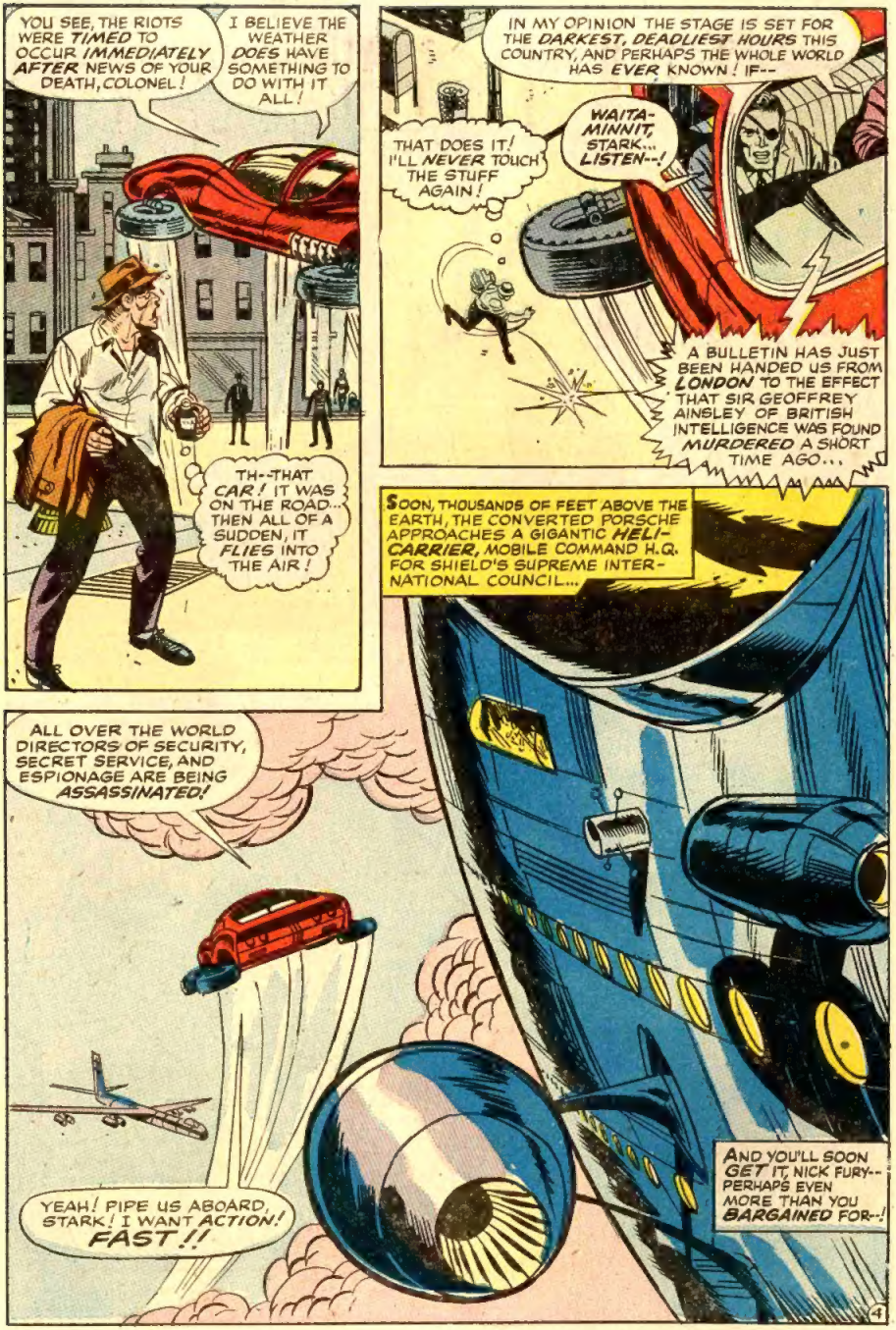
YOU SEE, THE RIOTS WERE TIMED TO OCCUR IMMEDIATELY AFTER NEWS OF YOUR DEATH, COLONEL!
I BELIEVE THE WEATHER DOES HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT ALL!
TH--THAT CAR! IT WAS ON THE ROAD... THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, IT FLIES INTO THE AIR!
IN MY OPINION THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE DARKEST, DEADLIEST HOURS THIS COUNTRY, AND PERHAPS THE WHOLE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN! IF--
WAITA-MINNIT, STARK... LISTEN--!
THAT DOES IT! I'LL NEVER TOUCH THE STUFF AGAIN!
A BULLETIN HAS JUST BEEN HANDED US FROM LONDON TO THE EFFECT THAT SIR GEOFFREY AINSLEY OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE WAS FOUND MURDERED A SHORT TIME AGO...
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ALL OVER THE WORLD DIRECTORS OF SECURITY, SECRET SERVICE, AND ESPIONAGE ARE BEING ASSASSINATED!
YEAH! PIPE US ABOARD, STARK! I WANT ACTION! FAST!!
AND YOU'LL SOON GET IT, NICK FURY--PERHAPS EVEN MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR--!
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HERE'S PIX OF THE RIOTERS, CROSS-SECTION SHOTS, AN' A SHOT O' HYDE PARK BOBBIES REMOVIN' SIR AINSLEY'S BODY FROM HIS HOME-WHERE HE WAS MURDERED!
THANKS, DUM DUM! FAST WORK!
WHO'S THE DOLL? SHE'S NOT ENGLISH! DOESN'T FIT SOMEHOW!
CLOSE-UPS OF THE LEADERS OF THE RIOTERS SHOW SOMETHIN' ODD!--NO EXPRESSION ON THEIR FACES--LIKE ZOMBIES!
YEAH! SO I NOTICE!
STICK CLOSE, DUGAN!
GREETIN'S, GENTS! FURY'S THE NAME!
LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT FOR ME?
OR DO I HAVETA DO EVERYTHING MYSELF?
WHO--OR WHAT--IS BEHIND ALL THESE BLASTED MURDERS?
A NAME, COLONEL!
WHISPERED IN AN ALLEY...
...GASPED FROM A DYING AGENT FISHED OUT OF THE BOSPHORUS...
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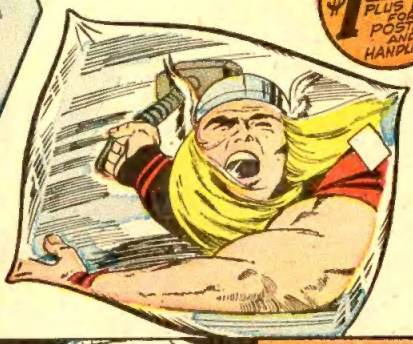

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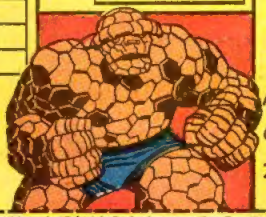

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BUT, HEEDLESS OF ANYTHING BUT ITS OWN SINISTER SOUND, THE VOICE OF *SUPREMUS* SNARLS ON...

FIRST, I WILL STEAL AWAY THE *SENSES* OF MANKIND!

THEN I WILL TURN THE WHOLE WORLD INTO A LABORATORY WHERE, THROUGH *GENETIC MANIPULATION*, I WILL CHANGE MAN INTO A NEW SPECIES...A *WORLD OF SLAVES*, TO WORSHIP AT THE SHRINE OF *SUPREMUS!*

DISBAND! PREPARE TO FACE THE *INEVITABLE!* *I, SUPREMUS*, THE ULTIMATE POWER, HAVE *SPOKEN!*

SAEEDA!

WELL, HE'S NOT SO *"ULTIMATE"!*

HE *DOESN'T* KNOW THAT *NICK FURY'S* STILL ALIVE AN' KICKING!

IF ONLY WE HAD SOME *CLUES!*

WHAT CLUES? THAT SWELL-HEAD *SUPREMUS* JUST HANDED US A *FISTFUL* OF 'EM!

THE WORD "SAEEDA" IS ARABIC FOR *"HELLO"*, OR IN THIS CASE, *"GOODBYE"!*

THOSE CAVES HE'S IN... I'M SURE THEY'RE THE *CAVES OF HERCULES* ON CAPE SPARTEL, JUST OUTSIDE OF TANGIERS... WHERE THE ATLANTIC AND THE MEDITERRANEAN *MEET!*

YEAH, *SURE!* THE *HOWLERS* BLITZED THAT PLACE ONCE...!

STOP *JAWIN'*, YA OL' WALRUS, AN' GET SHIELD'S *COMPUTERS* ON THIS! FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENED AT THE CAVES OF HERCULES!

THEN, *SUDDENLY...*

NICK! LOOK OUT!

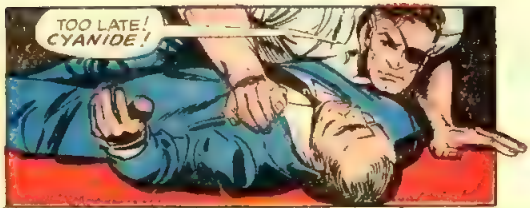
A MISTAKE MUST BE *RECTIFIED!*

DIE, NICK FURY!

CRACK!

THE LEAD BULLET IS *TURNED ASIDE* BY THE LIGHT, FINELY-WOVEN METALLIC ALLOY MESH THAT FORMS THE BULLET-PROOF LINING OF NICK FURY'S CLOTHING! IN A SPLIT SECOND HE RECOVERS, AND...

WHAK!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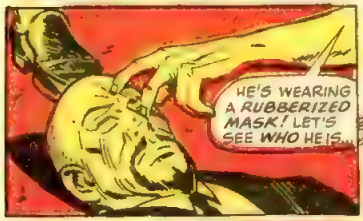
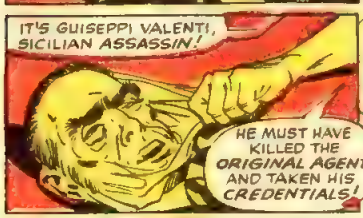
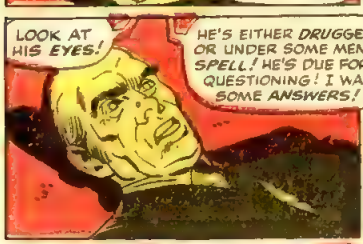

HE'S WEARING A RUBBERIZED MASK! LET'S SEE WHO HE IS...

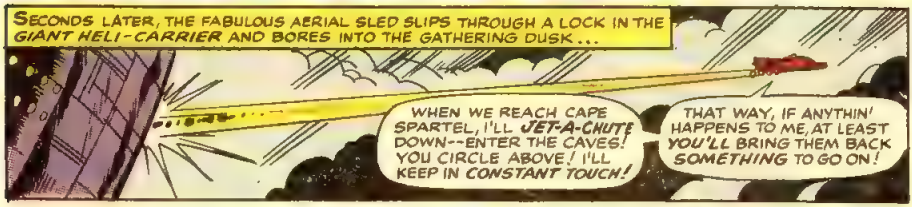

IT'S GUISEPPI VALENTI, SICILIAN ASSASSIN!
HE MUST HAVE KILLED THE ORIGINAL AGENT AND TAKEN HIS CREDENTIALS!

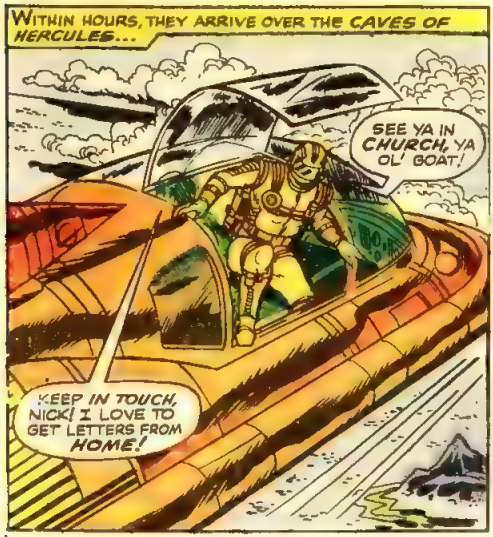

LOOK AT HIS EYES!
HE'S EITHER DRUGGED OR UNDER SOME MENTAL SPELL! HE'S DUE FOR QUESTIONING! I WANT SOME ANSWERS!

SUPREMUS! THE ULTIMATE POWER!
STOP HIM! HE'S TAKING A PILL-!

NICK, I'VE GOT THE DOPE FROM THE COMPUTERS!
THOSE CAVES HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO THE NATIVES AND THE TOURIST TRADE FOR THE PAST MONTH...
DUM DUM, PUT EVERYBODY UNDER HEAVY GUARD! LET'S GO TO MY OFFICE!
YOU TWO WILL BE THE ONLY ONES TO KNOW MY MOVEMENTS FROM HERE ON IN!

THIS SUPREMUS STILL DOESN'T KNOW I'M ALIVE!
BUT NOW WE KNOW WHERE HE IS AND MAYBE SOMETHING ABOUT HIM!
WE DO? WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HIM?
THAT, MORE THAN LIKELY, HE'S MOROCCAN--OR OF SOME OTHER ARAB RACE!
THAT "SAEEDA" THAT SLIPPED OUT GAVE US THAT CLUE!





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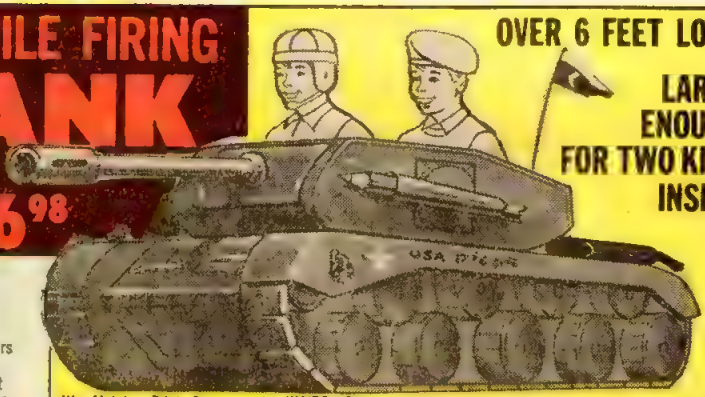

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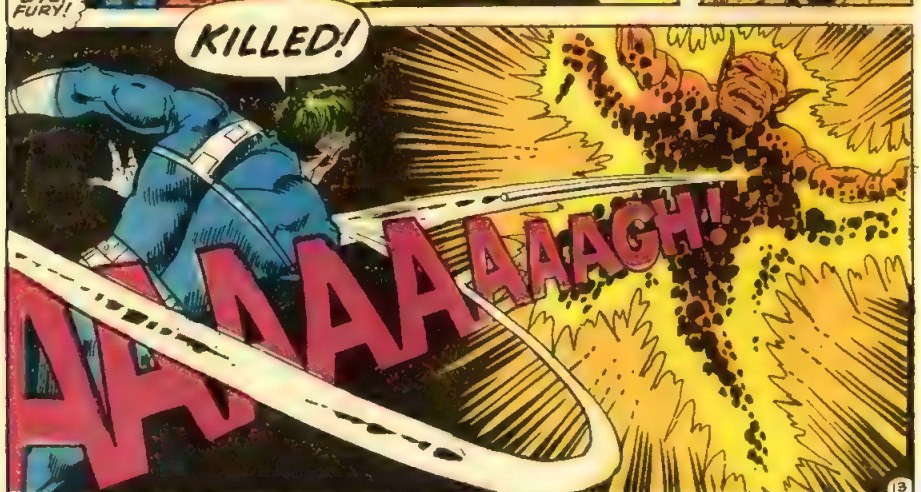
SEE ANYTHING YET?
YEAH! A BUNCH OF CREEPS IN NUTTY UNIFORMS ARE PASSIN' NEARBY AND GOING INTO THE CAVE! DEAD EYES...LOOK LIKE ZOMBIES! I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THEM!
WATCH IT, NICK!
I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH, DUGAN! OUT!

DEEP INTO THE MYSTERIOUS DEPTHS GOES THE FEARLESS DIRECTOR OF SHIELD...
MACHINES!
THE WHOLE PLACE THROBS WITH 'EM!
SOMETHIN' BEHIND ME...
CLANG!
CLANG!
STAND BY, DUM DUM! THE BALL IS ABOUT TO OPEN AND I'VE ALREADY CHOSEN MY PARTNER!
OKAY, NICK! BUT PICK YOUR OWN MUSIC AND DON'T DANCE TO SUPREMUS' TUNE!
THEN A VOICE, LIKE THE VOICE OF DOOM, FILLS THE TRAP THAT HOLDS NICK FURY!
AHLAN WA SAHLAN,* COLONEL NICK FURY... I, SUPREMUS, SPEAK! I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD! MUTTA SHAKKER* FOR COMING HERE AND MAKING IT EASY FOR ME TO MAKE SURE!
YOU HAVE PROVED TO BE A WORTHY ADVERSARY! OF COURSE, NOW YOU WILL DIE! BUT BEFORE YOU DO, I WILL TELL YOU SOMETHING OF MY WORK WHICH WILL AFFECT ALL MANKIND!
IN THESE CAVES ARE MACHINES WHICH MANUFACTURE A GAS THAT STEALS THE THINKING POWER OF MEN'S MINDS! HERE ALSO ARE ONES THAT ATTRACT AND HOLD THE RAYS OF THE SUN, POSTPONING WINTER!
HEAT WEARS MEN DOWN AND MAKES THEM EASIER TO CONTROL AND AROUSE TO SENSELESS ANGER!
DUGAN! HEAR IT?
YES!
* AHLAN WA SAHLAN, MEANS "WELCOME" IN ARABIC! MUTTA SHAKKER MEANS "THANK YOU" IN THE SAME LANGUAGE! THIS INFO SUPPLIED US BY OUR EXPERT IN GUM ARABIC!--GUESS WHO.
BUT I WEARY OF THIS! COLONEL FURY, MEET YOUR EXECUTIONER...HALF-MAN!
YEAH...I CAUGHT 'IM EARLIER ON THE BOOB TUBE!

THIS WAS MY FIRST EXPERIMENT IN GENETIC MANIPULATION! ONCE IT WAS AN ORDINARY MORTAL, BUT GENE MANIPULATION TURNED IT PARTIALLY BACK TO A BASIC, AMOEBIC FORM!
SOON I, SUPREMUS, WILL CREATE A NEW RACE ON THIS PLANET EARTH!
HOLY HANNAH! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH MY LASER--!
OH, COLONEL, IN THIS AREA I'VE ERECTED AN INVISIBLE SHIELD THAT NEGATES THE POWER OF YOUR LASER! SAEEDA, COLONEL FURY!
FIRST, A SIMPLE STUN BLAST--
NO, THANKS ...WE GAVE ALREADY!
AND THEN, HALF-MAN MOVES IN TO TAKE YOUR LIFE!

TRAPPED, UNARMED, WITH ONLY HIS BARE HANDS, HIS TRAINED BODY, AND HIS FIGHTING INTELLIGENCE TO PIT AGAINST THIS UNIQUE, MONSTROUS, MULTIPLE-ARMED ADVERSARY, SHIELD'S DIRECTOR STANDS FACE TO FACE WITH DEATH-- AND WITH THE BITTER KNOWLEDGE THAT, IF HE DIES HERE IN THE DARK AND NOISOME CAVES OF HERCULES, THE HOPE OF MANKIND DIES WITH HIM...!



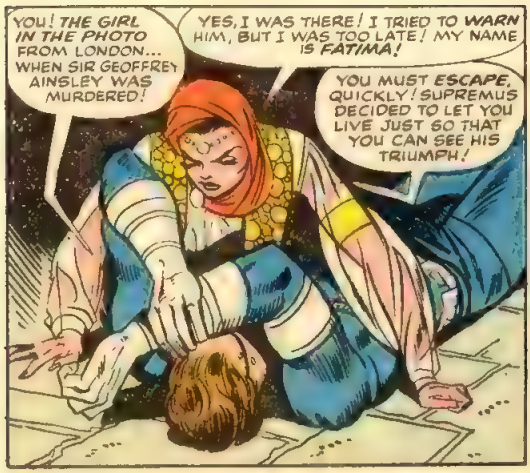
DUGAN! DO YOU READ ME? DUGAN?
I READ YOU NICK.. WHAT'S GOING ON?

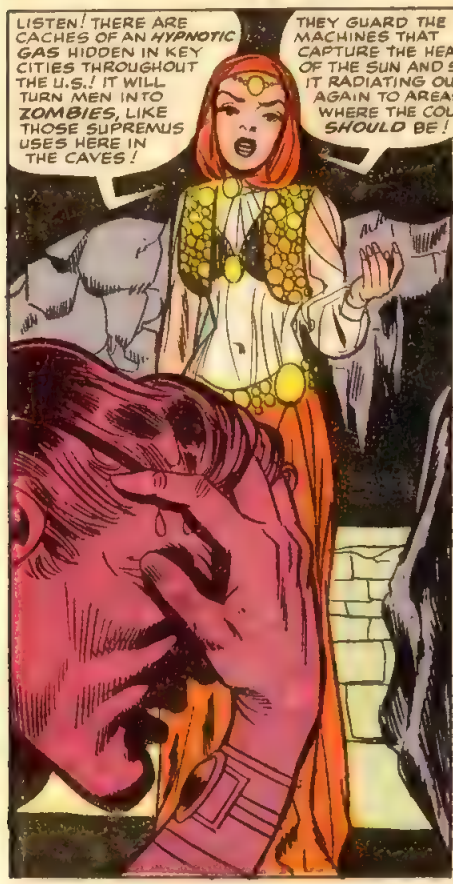
DUGAN... I... COUGH!... COUGH!... GAS...

NICK! COME IN NICK! WHAT'S WRONG? ANSWER, NICK!

NICK, PLEASE! NICK!

DOWN, DOWN PLUNGES FURY... INTO A BOTTOMLESS BLACK PIT! FALLING, FALLING, PLUMMETING DOWN THROUGH THE EONS TO A DARK AND STORM-TOSSED ETERNITY...
BUT, EVEN WHILE THE DEVIL'S DARKNESS HOLDS HIM IN ITS DEADLY GRIP, SOME FIGHTING INSTINCT, THE WILL TO SURVIVE, TO STRIKE BACK, SOME ATAVISTIC URGE DEEP IN HIS SUBCONSCIOUS PUSHES HIM UPWARD TOWARD THE LIGHT OF RETURNING CONSCIOUSNESS! HE SEES SHADOWS, A FACE, BLURRED AND SEEMINGLY DISTANT... THEN, WITH A TREMENDOUS EFFORT OF WILL, HE BRIDGES THE GAP TO CLARITY... AND, IN THAT INSTANT, CLEARLY SEES AND RECOGNIZES THE FIGURE AT HIS SIDE...!





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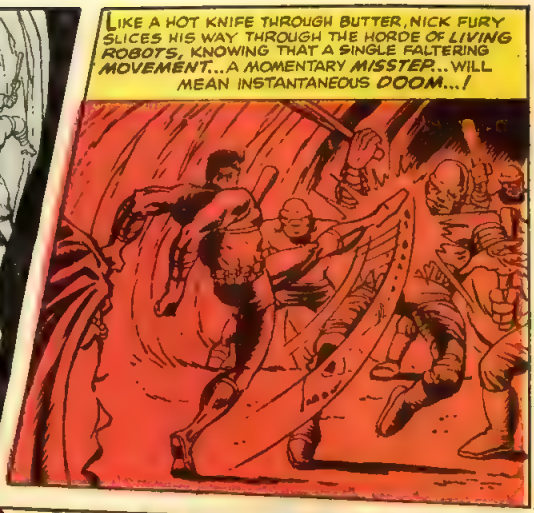
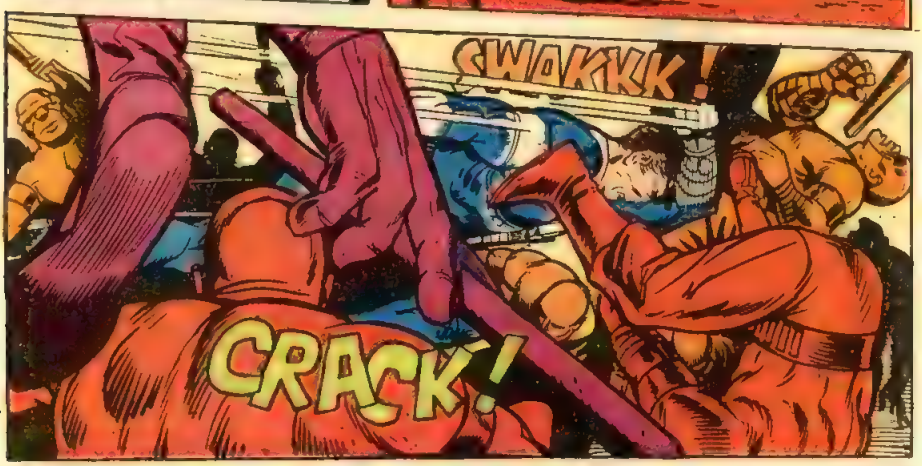

LIKE A HOT KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER, NICK FURY SLICES HIS WAY THROUGH THE HORDE OF LIVING ROBOTS, KNOWING THAT A SINGLE FALTERING MOVEMENT...A MOMENTARY MISSTEP...WILL MEAN INSTANTANEOUS DOOM...!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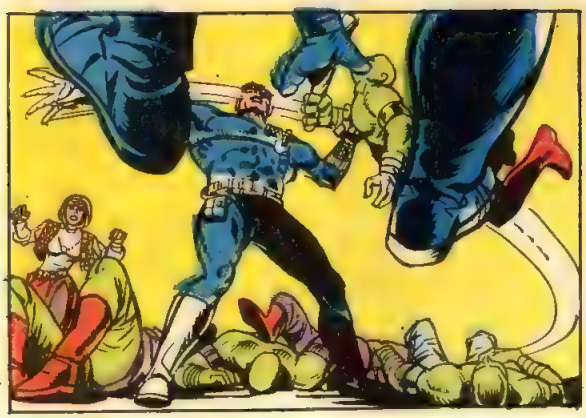
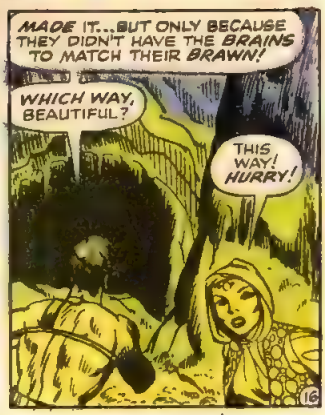
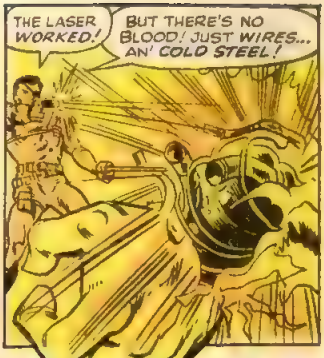


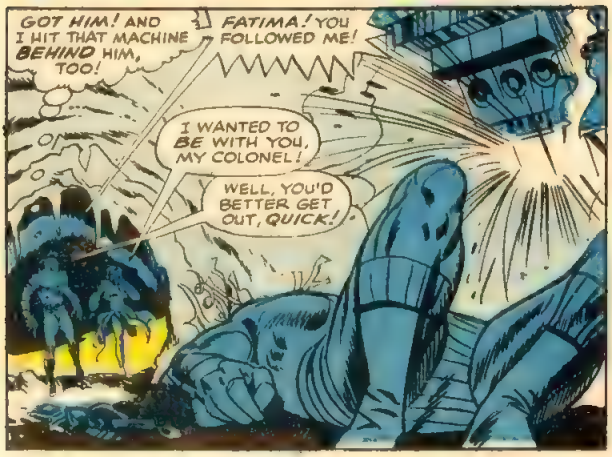

MADE IT...BUT ONLY BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE BRAINS TO MATCH THEIR BRAWN!
WHICH WAY, BEAUTIFUL?
THIS WAY! HURRY!

QUICKLY BUT QUIETLY, FURY TRAVERSES THE CORRIDOR TO THE MAIN CAVE THE RHYTHMIC PULSING OF THE MONSTROUS MACHINES GROWING EVER LOUDER, LIKE THE UNDULATING, THROBBING BLOOD-BEAT OF A MONSTROUSLY EVIL MALIGNANT HEART..

SUPREMUS! HE'S ABOUT TO PRESS THAT BUTTON!

HERE'S HOPING MY LASER WILL WORK IN THE MAIN CAVE... AWAY FROM THAT INVISIBLE SHIELD!





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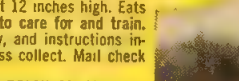

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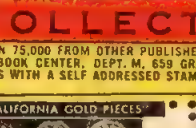

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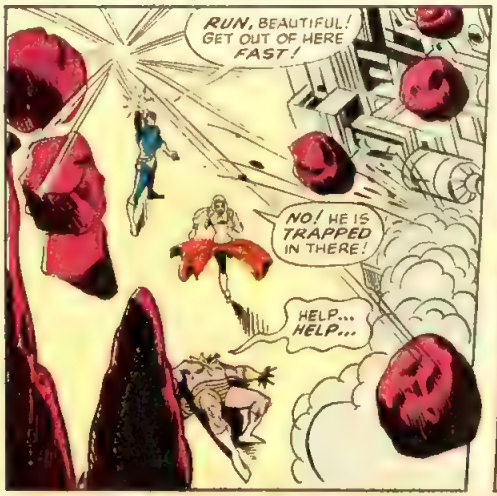

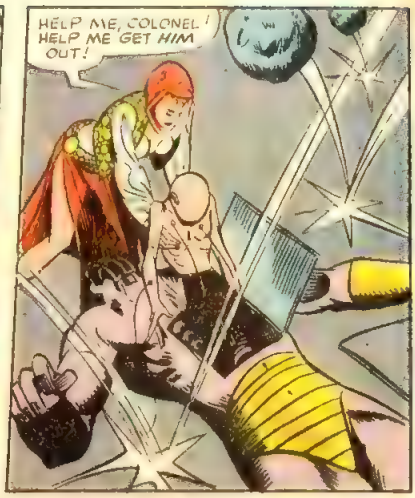

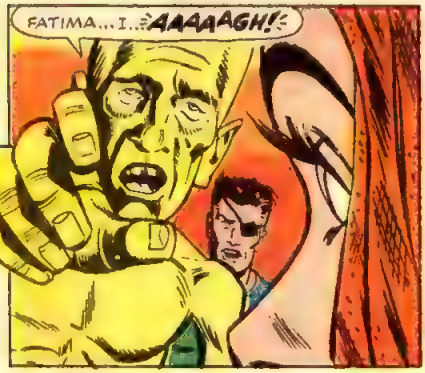

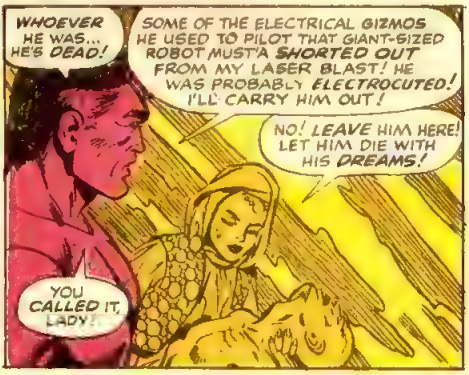

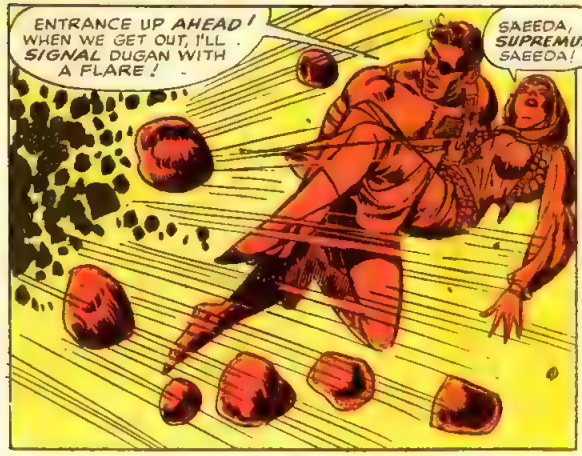

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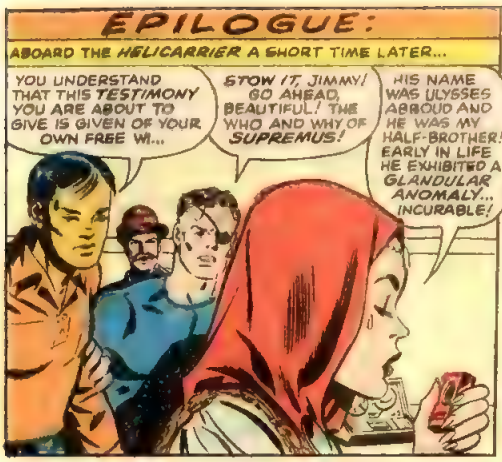
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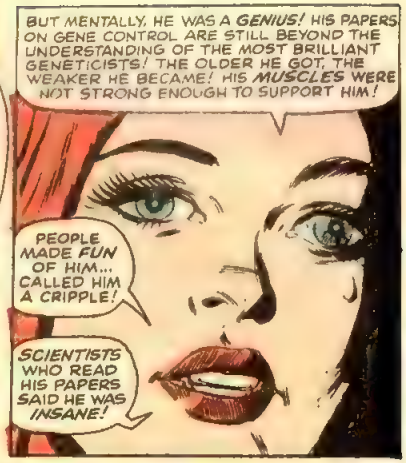
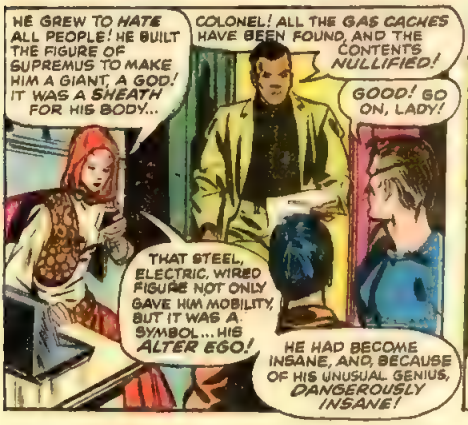
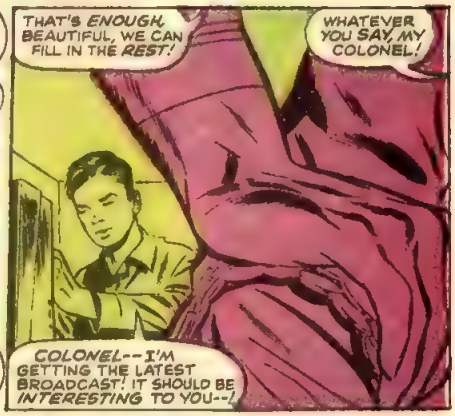
ABOARD THE HELICARRIER A SHORT TIME LATER...
YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS TESTIMONY YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE IS GIVEN OF YOUR OWN FREE WI...
STOW IT, JIMMY! GO AHEAD, BEAUTIFUL! THE WHO AND WHY OF SUPREMUS!
HIS NAME WAS ULYSSES ABROUD AND HE WAS MY HALF-BROTHER! EARLY IN LIFE HE EXHIBITED A GLANDULAR ANOMALY... INCURABLE!


BUT MENTALLY, HE WAS A GENIUS! HIS PAPERS ON GENE CONTROL ARE STILL BEYOND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOST BRILLIANT GENETICISTS! THE OLDER HE GOT, THE WEAKER HE BECAME! HIS MUSCLES WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT HIM!
PEOPLE MADE FUN OF HIM... CALLED HIM A CRIPPLE!
SCIENTISTS WHO READ HIS PAPERS SAID HE WAS INSANE!


HE GREW TO HATE ALL PEOPLE! HE BUILT THE FIGURE OF SUPREMUS TO MAKE HIM A GIANT, A GOD! IT WAS A SHEATH FOR HIS BODY...
COLONEL! ALL THE GAS CACHES HAVE BEEN FOUND, AND THE CONTENTS NULLIFIED!
GOOD! GO ON, LADY!
THAT STEEL, ELECTRIC, WIRED FIGURE NOT ONLY GAVE HIM MOBILITY, BUT IT WAS A SYMBOL... HIS ALTER EGO!
HE HAD BECOME INSANE, AND, BECAUSE OF HIS UNUSUAL GENIUS, DANGEROUSLY INSANE!


THAT'S ENOUGH, BEAUTIFUL, WE CAN FILL IN THE REST!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MY COLONEL!
COLONEL--I'M GETTING THE LATEST BROADCAST! IT SHOULD BE INTERESTING TO YOU--!

...THE HEAT WAVE THAT WAS SO UNSEASONABLE HAS SUDDENLY CEASED...

...AND WITH IT, THE MADNESS THAT SEEMED TO HAVE ATTACKED PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD HAS DISSIPATED! IT HAD BEEN SO VERY HOT...
YOU FORGOT ONE THING, PAL!

CLICK!
IT COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT HOTTER...!
FIN

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We've got news a'plenty for you this month, so let's not waste a minute! Here we GOOOOOO——!

ITEM: Well, it finally happened! The love-bug bit our own romantic ROY THOMAS, and he actually took the plunge! Yep, the Rascally One was recently married to as pretty a gal as you can find outside of a Jazzy Johnny drawing! So, if he happens to name his next few dozen heroines Jean — don't be too surprised, hear? And the whole misty-eyed Bullpen wishes the cavortin' couple many many long years of health, happiness, and superhero hi-jinx! Now, back to the typewriter, R.T.!

ITEM: Suddenly, everyone's talking about ol' Green-skin again! Could it be because SMILIN' STAN himself is writing the yarns once more — or because of the pulsating power of HAPPY HERBY TRIMPY's pulse-pounding pencilling? We're not sure, but we'll tell you this — the Incredible HULK has never been greater, and judging by the fan mail, we're selling more copies than we're printing! Hooo boy!

ITEM: Looks like romance is really in the air around the hallowed halls of Marvel! JOLLY JACK KIRBY'S handsome son Neal has just announced his engagement, and will probably have already tied the knot by the time you read these words! Heartiest congratulations to the King and Roz — and, after his winning fandom's most coveted award for World's Best Comic Book Pencilier, it seems there's never a dull moment around the Kirby clan's household!

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ITEM: The comic world is still agog about Marvel latching onto AWESOME ARNOLD DRAKE! You can see his sensational scripting in NOT BRAND ECHH, MARVEL SUPERHEROES, X-MEN, and CAPTAIN MARVEL, to name a few mildly magnificent masterworks we've been tossing atcha! Both he and ARTFUL ARCHIE GOODWIN have turned into a couple of Bullpen Bombshells, joining the ranks of STAN (THE MAN) LEE, RASCALLY ROY, and GROOVY GARY FRIEDRICH (who'll be back from the coast 'most any day now) . . . bolstering the greatest lineup of comic magazine writing talent ever assembled under one roof! And wait till you see the drama-drenched yarns of EARNEST ERNIE HART — but more about him in the months to come.

ITEM: Remember how great DR. STRANGE used to be? Well, dig it now — with GENIAL GENE COLAN and TERRIFIC TOMMY PALMER handling the art chores. It's just gotta be the most psychedelic saga of all time! And, speaking of that, wait'll you see what JAUNTY JIM STERANKO has up his sleeve for Marveldom Assembled when he finishes the latest X-MEN. He's working on another great feature which promises to earn even more raves than Jim's never-to-be-forgotten SHIELD spectaculars! And speaking of SHIELD, how about the astonishing artwork of FEARLESS FRANKIE SPRINGER? If you think he's good now — wait'll we let him buy a brand new pencil!

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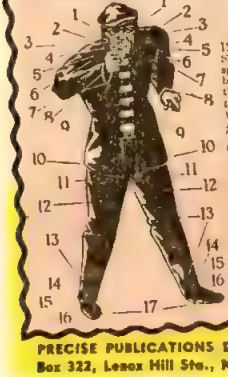

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Dear Mr. Lee and Mr. Steranko:
I am an avid reader of your comic hero Nick Fury. To me you, Jim, are one of the most promising artists Marvel has in their ranks. But as for this ex commando currently hired by none other than the president of the United States to be the head of a dedicated organization called S.H.I.E.L.D. — HA! Do you realize how old he is? Try between 58 and 64. In issue #159 of STRANGE TALES he stated that in 1918 his father died and that after that his family was extremely poor. Well now, it was last year that that issue came out, and 1918 was 49 years from then. Furthermore he was about 9-14 years of age. That would make him about 58-64 years old. Howzat? I took a detailed survey on what this old man has been doing recently. Well, here it is. He has destroyed, killed, or maimed the following: 73 Hydra killers, 26 other evil doers, 4 doors, 1 barber shop, 4 tanks, 14 robots, 1 Dreadnought, 2 glass windows, 2 rooms, 3 walls, 1 overkill horn, 2 floors, 1 Hydra island, 3 planes, 2 rocket guns, 4 statues, 1 Yellow Claw, 1 super car, 4 sub-marines, 1 missile sight, 14 lamps, 1 octopus, 2 Hydra headquarters, 1 Baron Strucker, 1 q-ray, 7 flying eggs, 12 bombs, 3 steel posts, 1 T.H.E.M. headquarters 1 sky-light, 1 Satan's claw, umteen glass windows, 1 small invasion force (which he and a certain Capt. America so conveniently destroyed, and just happened to save the world), 1 protective suit, 50 cigars (which were either snuffed out, blown out, or torn out), 20 secret weapons, and last but not least, 60 SHIRTS along with 40 ties to match them. Not bad for an old, old, old, old, old man. P.S. He did all those things all by his lonesome old self.

Robert Ewing, 23 Nelson St.
Montreal, 29, Quebec, Canada

Dear Stan, Frank, Ernie and Jim:
Do you get anything but laudatory letters on this mag? S.H.I.E.L.D. is, without a doubt, the best comic on the stands . . . for the simple reason that it has the courage to realize some of the incredible potentials of the graphic story medium. True, there are many things which could be done in the comic book format that haven't been done, and probably *won't* be done. But Steranko is an innovator, a pioneer, with an outlook that is Today S.H.I.E.L.D. is no mag for parents to read to their pre-schooler. It's not the slam-bang, hit the villain and save the world standard purveyed today. S.H.I.E.L.D. has to be read twice to even be *understood*! I'm fairly sure I have reached the proper conclusion about the identity of Scorpio, but I have one question: What is the connection between Scorpio and Dr. Noah Black . . . Centurius, from issue #2? If you will look back to issues #1 and #2 you will notice that both Scorpio and Centurius remarked that the "Parable of Doom" had been spoken. What is the Parable of Doom? Who spoke it? And whose doom does it spell? Centurius used it in terms of the destruction of humanity but Scorpio seemed to imply that it bespoke of Fury only. Hmmmmm. Best artist, best writer, best editor, most complicated plots in all comicdom. How can you lose?

J. Scott Stewart, 319 Ringland Road
Hastings, Nebraska 68901

Dear Stan and Jim
For quite some while now I have contemplated writing a letter to my favorite comic, CAPTAIN AMERICA. And I'm still thinking about it. But I decided to take second best. NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. #5 was truly an innovation in comics. Who but Mr. Jim Steranko could have thought of taking that big gloppy splotch of ink on the cover and turning it into an eye-catcher? Although I'll admit the *real* eye-catcher of the cover was that tiny inch-tall pic of Val in the bottom right hand corner. This is what this letter is all about. No, not the tiny inch tall pic of Val in the right hand corner, but the *girls* that have come from the pencil and pen of Jim Steranko. Now I know that girls are hard as heck to draw, because I've tried. Most of mine come out looking like the Hulk. All, and I mean ALL of Steranko's girls are the epitome of feminine pulchritude. Take for example any pic of Val he's ever drawn. See what I mean? His leading ladies (Countess Caution, ish 3, and Tiffany, ish 2), are also the greatest. His men ain't bad neither. In closing, let me say two things 1) Long live Steranko's girls and scenes like on page five in ish #2. 2) Why did Fury just have four fingers on the cover of ish 4? Well, till the Yellow Claw goes to Sunday School . . . . .

Roger G. Ledbetter, RFD #5
Springfield, Tenn. 37172

Dear Stan, Frank and Ernie:
Nick Fury is rapidly becoming my favorite Marvel personality. Why, you ask? Is it because of the stupendous stories? The awe-inspiring illustrations? The lilting lettering? Wrong on all counts! It is due to nothing more than Nick's zany zip-suit. It is undoubtedly the best weapon in your colossal arsenal of ultramodern, way-out doohickeys, frammistats, and whatchamacallits. Oh, sure, you've had the Satan Claw, the Nullifier, the Id-Paralyzer, the Death Spore, and the Ultimate Annihilator, and you've countered them with a host of other gadgets that are just as powerful, complex . . . and weird. But Fury's zip-suit has one asset the others lack: versatility. Out of Nick's groovy garment you have pulled a spy ray lens (STRANGE TALES, ish 156); a fireball shooter, an incendiary disc, and the Hallucination Cube (ish 157); oxygen pellets (ish 158); a sleep pellet and a hood filter (ish 160), a time bomb (ish 161); a remote control unit for his Ferrari 330/P4 Berlinetta and a suction disc (ish 162); a dye grenade, an air-recycler, a pyro-band, a pair of lase clippers, Nick's spy-ray lens, an incendiary flare, a grappling hook and attached cable, an acid pellet, and several nova bullets (ish 166); and his trusty Pseudo Elliptoid Wrist Tracer (ish 167). The suit is also insulated against extreme cold and any kind of live charge and comes equipped with suction devices, a length of cable, and a torch (NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. ish #1, when the suit, or a reasonable facsimile, was worn by an LMD). I would like to suggest that Jim draw a pin-up of Far-out Fury in his zip-suit and label all its equipment. I had planned to enumerate some of my ideas regarding this artistic endeavor, but space limitations force me to put this off until another letter. One last request. I feel that the perfect place for this pin-up would be a S.H.I.E.L.D. annual. How about it, Bullpenners?

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Dear Stan and Jim:
The Missing Persons Bureau has asked me to inquire as to the whereabouts of two characters which appeared in S.H.I.E.L.D. One is Gabriel Jones who was last seen in issue #169, and was then rumored to be doing undercover work while playing trumpet. Since then we have heard nothing as to his present condition. The other person I was speaking about is one Laura Brown. It seems, according to our records, Miss Brown was offered a job as permanent agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. in the same issue as I mentioned before. Our files also state that she turned down the offer, and was last heard to be "off on a spending spree" paid for by a Mr. Nick Fury, Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. The question my agency would like answered is: do you intend to e bring these characters back? It is my personal opinion that Gabe Jones should replace an agent by the name of Clay Quartermain, for reasons which I shall elaborate on at a later date. As for Miss Brown, I also believe that she could become an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., and also express some opinions of Valentina Allegro de Fontaine (whom I shall also express some opinions of when I come to Mr. Quartermain) as Colonel Fury's girl, which the Countess seems to be. Now, on to more pressing matters. As far as I am concerned, Clay Quartermain is the most repulsive, disgusting, conceited, overbearing, brainless oaf it has ever been my misfortune to encounter. I believe anyone from the ranks of Snoopy to Forbusman could replace this unbelievably absurd example of a homo sapiens. He has been compared to one Dudley Do-right (refer to S.H.I.E.L.D. #1 – letters section, letter #2). I can find only one fault with that comparison, and that is that Dudley Do-right would make a much better agent, and is also much more intelligent than Clay Q., and should not be compared to him. All this boils down to one fact: dump Clay Quartermain!!! I want to say one more thing in reference to your magazine. The Countess is not Fury's type. I'll grant you she's something to look at, but she's not much of a character. Laura Brown is more the type for Fury. I believe I have made my point clear, and I have only one more thing to say. Would you, Jim Steranko, please try to make your plots a little easier to follow? One minute Fury is about to be blown up, or shot, and all of a sudden we switch scenes, and he's in an entirely different situation! Couldn't you at least put down a few "meanwhile, back at the ranch" balloons or something? Sheee!!!

Mike McKeegan, 190 Columbia Drive.
Williamsville, New York 14221

Dear Stan and Jim:
After grooving on all the S.H.I.E.L.D. stories my meathooks could grab, I must lavish praise and plaudits on Messrs. Lee and Steranko. As a budding draftsman and science buff, I am constantly en thralled by the fantastic gadgets Jim comes up with. And you, Sam and Artie, keep these sagas forging ahead with your scintillating sound effects. As for Stan, his editing helps the stories keep in step with already established facts. Through the efforts of Stan, Jim, Joe, and all the others, the organization of S.H.I.E.L.D. has survived the demise of the "spy craze" and has pierced the gloom of pedestrian comic stories. As sure as fry is the Supreme Nebbish, I remain unyielding, another S.H.I.E.L.D. stalwart.

George Spillers, 509 South Poplar St.
Santa Ana, Calif. 92703

Dear Stan and Jim:
I agree with Don Plosker, whose letter was printed in ish #5. "S.H.I.E.L.D. is an organization, not one man." You've recently been showing so much more of Nick Fury than you've been showing of S.H.I.E.L.D. that I wonder why you don't change the name of the mag to the "Amazing Adventures of Nick Fury." I suggest you have Jim look through some of the earlier issues of S.H.I.E.L.D more closely. What happened to all those amusing little passages between Nick, Gabe Jones, Dugan and Sitwell? Please bring back Gabe and Jasper. Since Fury got his own mag, each time he goes into battle he goes alone. He should have the previously mentioned agents and possibly Val along with him at least half of the time. Jim's artwork is as good as you'll find in Marveldom, but I think he has too many symbolic covers. Symbolic covers are okay, but after three of them in a row they can begin to lose their appeal. Jim is a good writer, but I think the stories would turn out better if Stan and Jim got together on them. Also, bring back "THEM" even if they were just a branch of Hydra. Yours 'till Fury switches to tiparillos.

Lynn Nelson, 921 Northborough Lane
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Dear Group:
Once upon a time, a person seated behind the wheel of a vehicle heading towards an immovable object was rather fortunate because of the fact that he did, at least, have a chance of living through the crash and, if he was very lucky and the incident was slight, possibly joking about it to his friends later on when he felt better. That time was way back a few years after the automobile was first introduced. Since then motor vehicles have become faster, heavier . . . and sturdier. To have a high powered Ferrari 330/P4 Berlinetta, special design or not, virtually form itself into a pile of junk around one "secret agent" is to cause that agent to be seriously hurt, unless that agent just happens to be a member of the Hulk family! Scorpio may be extremely smart, but I doubt that he could pull Nick Fury through the consequences of a battered-up Ferrari unscathed . . . for there were no scars or visible marks on Mr. Fury when we later saw him in frame one, page nine of your fifth S.H.I.E.L.D. issue, where we were allowed to view him stripped to the skin as Mr. Scorpio worked to attain an exact casting of his face. Are you going to allow Nick to get away with making like a Hulk when, all this time, you've been allowing us to believe he's more the James Bond type? Honest . . . I don't really want to sound like a nag . . . but for gosh's sake try to keep your scenes accurate and believable, especially when you're dealing with everyday occurences like car mishaps!

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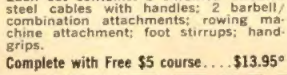

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